Cost of production of 100 grams of Paracetamol, Analgin and other drugs

4078. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM:
DR. SHRIKANT RAM-CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the cost of production of 100 grams of Paracetamol Analgin, Tetracycline, Pencillin and Acetyl Salicylic Acid;

(b) what is their respective selling price per 100 grams;

(c) what are the taxes on these drugs per 100 gms; and

(d) in what manner Government propose to bridge the gap between the cost of production and the selling price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) The maximum sale prices of indigenously produced scheduled bulk drugs are fixed and notified by the Government in accordance with the provisions of DPCO, 1987 on the basis of detailed cost-cum-technical studies conducted by BICP. The current notified prices of these five drugs are as follows:

S.No.	Name of the Bulk Drugs	Unit	Current notified Price and Date
1.	Paracetamol	Kg	Rs. 153/-23.6.92
2.	Analgin	Kg	Rs. 319/-17.6.93
3.	Tetracycline HCL	Kg	Rs. 1363/-23.11.92
4.	Sodium Penicillin G	BU	Rs. 1790/-18.11.92
5.	Acetyl Salicylic Acid (Aspirin)	Kg	Rs. 94-70/-18.3.94

The taxes on bulk drugs are levied as per the policy of the Central/State Governments.

Hike in Drug Prices in the name of GATT Agreement

4079. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAM-CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some drug manufacturers, sellers and dealers have already raised the prices of their drugs in the name of the Dunkel Agreement (GATT);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what steps are being taken to see that this misinformation in the name of Dunkel is not misused for profits; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to prevent the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) No such instance has come to the notice. However, all the States and Union Territory Administrations have been advised by the Ministry, of the factual position that the GATT accord will not have any effect on the prices of medicines presently in the market. In this context, they have been requested to vigorously enforce the provisions of DPCO 1987 under the Essential Commodities Act and launch prosecutions whenever any case of overcharging of prices comes to their notice.